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TORRINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT.

Population	7,153.
Births...	...	47 Males,	45 Females	-	92.	
Deaths...	...	.64 Males,	61 Females	=	125.	
Birth Rate	...	...	...	...	...	12. 86.
National Birth Rate...	...	...	...	...	...	14. 6.
Death Rate	...	...	...	...	...	17.47.
National Death Rate...	...	...	...	...	...	14. 3.

Tuberculosis.

4 fresh cases of Tuberculosis were notified - 3 were evacuees, leaving a total of 23 on the T.B. Officers' list at the end of the year.

Infectious Diseases.

5 - Scarlet Fever.

1 - Diphtheria.

Principal Causes of Death.

Influenza	..	2.	Heart Disease	38.
Cancer	..	10.	Bronchitis,	9.
Pneumonia	..	7.	Gastric Ulcer	1.
Digestive Diseases		7.	Nephritis	5.
Premature Birth	..	2.	Suicide	1.
Road Accident	..	3.	Other Violent	
			causes,	4.
			All other causes	23.

The general conditions as regards Tuberculosis - the number now on the T.B. Officers' list being one third of what it was 10 years ago. But the number of births still shew figures that are disquieting - 92. as compared with 132 in 1930 and 165 in 1925.

The Inspections as regards dairies and cowsheds have been carried out as usual. The conditions found have been on the whole fairly satisfactory, but I found that many producers who send their milk to the Torridge Vale factory, rather think that under the circumstances they need not be so careful as regards the details of general cleanliness.

Schools.

Numerous schools have been visited. The Sanitary and Health conditions have been found to be very satisfactory, but the number of children is still steadily decreasing.

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